

**LUCERNE VALLEY & JOHNSON VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY
COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
LV Community Center, 33187 Hwy 247 East, Lucerne Valley
Thursday, July 20, 2017 @ 5pm**

Chair, Roger Peterson, called the meeting to order at 5:04PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Roger Peterson (Chair)
Jean Magee (Vice-Chair)
Betty Munson (Secretary)
Joanna Wright (Member)

Absent:

Jean Fuqua (Member) (excused)
Lorane Abercrombie (Member) (excused)
Ken O'Hare (Member) (excused)

FLAG SALUTE: Flag salute was led by Herald Keesee, Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The July 20, 2017 agenda was presented to the MAC members for review and approval. Jean Magee made a motion to approve agenda as submitted; Betty Munson seconded the motion. Agenda approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Draft minutes from the June 15, 2017 regular meeting were submitted for approval. Joanna Wright made a motion to accept as submitted; Jean Magee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Janelle Coza, United States Marine Corps Representative announced temporary closure in the Johnson Valley shared use area August 11-25, 2017. She left pamphlets behind with information on sound recording, combat center, and discover Johnson Valley.

GUEST SPEAKER:

- Tony Malone gave a short presentation on air quality issues in the area such as PM10 particles and how they affect the human body. His presentation ended with a proposal of having PM10 monitors downwind from solar farms.
- Pat Flanagan, Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Council, gave a presentation on air quality issues in the Morongo Basin Area. Her presentation included sand transportation paths, indigenous plants that are being disturbed and uprooted that hold down the dust and sand, and her suggestions to help alleviate the air quality issues which included doing soil studies before solar farms are approved.
- Brad Poiriez and Bret Banks, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD), started their conversation with the Council and Community by introducing themselves. They affirmed they are listening to the Public's input to the air quality issues in the area. Mr. Poiriez said they work in collaboration with other County Departments such as County Land Use to address air quality issues. Mr. Poiriez specified they are governed by a board and they also have to work within the rules and regulations for their department. Mr. Banks reported they are working with future solar developers on keeping natural vegetation in place. Mr. Banks said they are also trying to find alternatives for solar projects such as wood chips to help reduce dust. They took questions and comments from the Board and Community. There were several pleas of help from Community Members whom have solar farm project proposals in their backyard. There were several appeals to have MDAQMD to step up during comment period on Solar Projects. Mr. Poiriez replied they can work with County Land Use and

County Planning Commission and recommend dust control measures. There were also several grievances of no response from the MDAQMD on air quality complaints. Mr. Poiriez replied he be will looking into why his department has not been responding. Mr. Poiriez ended his dialogue with the Community by making a commitment to working with the Community on the air quality issues and thanking the Community and Council for inviting himself and Mr. Banks to the meeting.

REPORTS:

- a) **San Bernardino County Sherriff- Representative-** Not present
- b) **San Bernardino County Fire- Representative** – Not present
- c) **Cal Fire-Representative-** Not present
- d) **CSA 29 Report-** Roger Peterson read the CSA 29 report in Reese Troublefield's absence. The report included Summer Movies in the Park continues with next showing July 22nd and the movie is The Jungle Book; 2017 Independence Day Celebration had approximately 3500-4000 people.
- e) **3rd District Field Representative, Sandy Baca (Present)** – Sandy Baca, Field Representative, reported County Code Enforcement ride along took place on July 6, 2017. She announced the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing for the Renewable Energy and Conservation Element (REC Element) has been scheduled for August 8, 2017, 1:00 PM, in the Covington Chambers, First Floor, County Government Center. Remote video conferencing will also be available at the Jerry Lewis High Desert Government Center and the Bob Burke Joshua Tree Government Center. More information can be found at sbcounty.gov. She also announced the 18th Annual San Bernardino County Sherriff's Rodeo, September 22-24, 2017. To purchase tickets or for more information go to <http://www.sheriffsrodeo.org/>
- f) **Land Use Committee-Roger Peterson-** None
- g) **Cemetery Committee-Jean Fuqua-** None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS: None

ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Betty Munson made a motion to endorse the letter sent to the County Land Use Services Department regarding the NextEra Solar Project by the North Slope Taskforce; Jean Magee seconded the motion. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Resolve: Motion Carried.
- b) Jean Magee made a motion to endorse the letter sent by Mr. Tony Malone to the County Land Use Services Department regarding the NextEra Solar Project; Betty Munson seconded the motion. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Resolve: Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUESTS/REPORTS: None

NEXT MEETING: August 17, 2017 @ 5pm

MEETING ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm

Respectfully Submitted by Carmen Fox, Recording Secretary

Approved: _____
Roger Peterson, Chair

Date